S.No.	Year	No. of looms modernized
1.	1999-2000	8,405
2.	2000-01	556
3.	2001-02	7,152
	TOTAL:	16,113

Assistance for Deendayal Handloom Development Project to Kerala

2309. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala submitted any proposal seeking financial assistance for 'Deendayal Handloom Development Project' or any other project under Handloom Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any scheme submitted by the Kerala Government is under consideration of Central Government;

(c) whether Government of Kerala failed to submit the proposal for Central assistance to Handloom sector in time; and

(d) whether Government consider to extend financial assistance to Kerala for the development of Handloom Sector?

THE MiNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of proposals submitted by the Government of Kerala under the on-going schemes that are under consideration of Central Government are as under:—

(Rupees in lakh)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sought for by the State Government which is under consideration
1.	Handloom Export Scheme	172.00
2.	Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme	69.39 Deen
3.	Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana	748.19
	TOTAL:	989.58

(c) and (d) Under the on-going schemes no time limit has been prescribed for submission of proposals for release of Central assistance. Central assistance is released to the State Governments including the Government of Kerala, on the basis of viable proposals received in conformity with the guidelines of the schemes and depending upon the availability of budget provisions under various schemes in each year.

Problem of weavers and artisans

2310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of problems of weavers and artisans;

(b) how Government propose to solve these problems; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a monitoring machinery to ensure proper implementation of various schemes/programmes for weavers and artisans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The main problems faced by the handloom weavers have been adherence to traditional production techniques, lack of modern looms, inadequate supply of yarn, dyes & chemicals & non-availability of credit facilities at concessional rates of interest.

The artisans also face problems relating to marketing, raw material supply, credit facility & design inputs and training.

(b) The Government of India has been implementing several schemes to solve the problems of weavers and artisans.The details of the schemes are enclosed as Statement. (See below).

(c) Yes, Sir. A State Level Project Committee (SLPC) has been constituted in the handloom sector to examine the viability of each project proposal and recommend the same to the Government of India for approval through the State Governments. Besides this, various schemes/programmes being implemented in the handloom sector are continuously monitored by the Weavers Service Centres and by the Headquarter Office of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms).

A monitoring mechanism to ensure proper implementation of